

## "The Other Foot" Analysis

The story "the other foot" by Ray Bradbury illustrates the importance of seeing the other side to things and stepping into someone's shoes. We humans tend to only see our side of an argument or situation, when really there is a lot going on for the other side. That is why it is important to meet someone halfway, and consider what you might be doing/causing others. There is also a great deal of Karma in the theme of the story as well I believe.

In the past, the white people had treated the black people horribly back on Earth, so they left for Mars to live there instead. Turns out that 20 years later, the white people had destroyed their once pretty world and were at the feet of the black martians whom they had once betrayed.

This goes to show that one bad deed could lead to a bad deed to you in the future. It also displays human nature during dark times and the choice of whether to be good and remember the morals you were taught, or forget them and live with corruption. In the end when all was said and done, the Martians forgave the whites and went on doing what is right, excepting foolishness from both sides and meeting halfway. I believe this is an important message that we should all try to keep in mind.

Awesome analysis!!

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How does faith create security in the Ray Bradbury short story "The Long Rain"? Use examples from the story and from your own life.

The main character, Lieutenant, in the Ray Bradbury short story "The Long Rain" is the person with the most faith which gives him the strength to make it to the Sun Dome where he will find safety and security. While on their way to the Sun Dome, the Lieutenant and his crew crash their ship in the jungle which means that they will have to walk in the pouring rain and cold through a jungle they aren't familiar with to find the Sun Dome. "The Long Rain" is about how the person or people with the most faith will be the ones who end up the most secure in the end. In this story, the Lieutenant, who never loses faith that they will make it safely to the Sun Dome, makes it there but the other soldiers, who give up, don't make it.


The Lieutenant believes that if he and his men keep on walking they will make it to the Sun Dome but his men doubt him and his faith, especially when they end up back at the ship and realize that they must have been walking in a circle. From the very beginning, they keep on asking him how far away the Sun Dome is and he keeps on giving them answers like "Another hour or two from here." (78). Eventually one of the men ask him if he is just "lying to keep us happy?" (78). The Lieutenant is so tired of their doubts that he finally answers "I'm lying to keep you happy. Shut up!" (79). His faith that if they keep on trying they will find the Sun Dome, gives him the strength to never give up whereas his three crew, who don't have a strong faith or belief that they will find

the Sun Dome, one by one, give up and die. The Lieutenant's faith that he will find the Sun Dome if he never gives up trying is like the faith religious people have in God. It gives them a sense of security because they believe that they are going to find Heaven after they die.

Faith in God is a type of faith but someone who is not religious can have faith also. Like the Lieutenant, it can be simply faith in oneself and part of the faith would be a belief that you can be successful if you keep your faith; that what you do while you are doing it will give you the feeling of security to keep on trying. In my life at the present, the main example of this is when I write and create my own music. I have the faith that I will be successful if I keep on writing, even though I don't have proof of it yet. For me, the desire to keep on trying comes from the faith in myself that leads me to feel secure about my music no matter what other people think and in a way, no matter if I end up being "successful." Like the Lieutenant, it's about having enough faith in yourself to keep on trying.

Maybe security can be felt without faith but overall faith with keep the security for much longer and much stronger. Every human feels the need for security and safety, but to fully feel secure, you need to have beliefs and faith that will keep you feeling secure no matter what circumstances you find yourself in. In "The Long Rain" the Lieutenant made it to the Sun Dome, the safe and secure place, because he was the only one with enough faith in himself that he could make it.

BOOM!!  
Great examples from story + life + ending w/ an overaching analysis!!

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